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Roosevelt Talk: Was Location Justified?

Two-hundred and fifty people were forced to stand and many more were turned away from Schwab Auditorium Wednesday night because they could not get inside to hear Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt speak. Frantic attempts by some to have the talk in Recreation Hall had failed.

Those sponsoring Mrs. Roosevelt's talk were, for some reason, unwilling to have it switched to Rec Hall where a larger audience could be accommodated. Four student groups offered to financially back such a switch with \$140. It appears the chief obstacle was inconveniences of administering such a change of location.

Because many had to stand and many never got into the auditorium, sponsors of the talk are suffering much criticism—overt and covert. The talk was broadcast, but this could not compensate for those who wished to attend.

In attacking sponsors of the talk, critics are overlooking one thing: the sponsoring groups were generous enough to open to the public what could have been a closed talk and no admission was charged. Criticism, then, can come only in the form of attacks upon generosity.

The sponsoring groups went to the trouble to arrange for the talk, and did open it to the public.

However, although this was a nice gesture, it fell completely short of real generosity. Interested student groups were willing to accept the financial burden of changing the lecture to Rec Hall where up to 5000 could have been seated, if necessary. Perhaps Rec Hall would have been comparatively empty, but it at least would have accommodated all those who wanted to hear Mrs. Roosevelt talk.

Failure to locate an address by one of the world's foremost women in a place where all interested may attend is a grievous error. It was prompted by either lack of planning, lack of consideration, or lack of energy.

Sponsors of Mrs. Roosevelt's talk are interested in both education and dissemination of information about the United Nations. What better way could there have been to serve both ends than to hold the lecture in a place where all could hear? Something, somewhere, is sadly lacking when this basic question is left unanswered.

Can Everyone Sit on the 50-Yard Line?

How are you going to seat thousands of demanding fans on the 50-yard-line?

That's the problem ticket offices in every large college campus face before every Saturday football game. The better the football team, the bigger the problem.

And starting immediately after the game, the complaints roll in. For there is no solution to the problem. No one has yet built a stadium with seats only on the 50. If someone does, chances are there still will be complaints.

The problem is present at Beaver Field, and it is present at Franklin Field, Philadelphia. Last year many students protested loudly about their seats at the University of Pennsylvania-Penn State game. The best seats, they said, went to alumni. Those left over, they charged, were passed off to students.

The Athletic Advisory Board, after studying the problem, came up with a solution. Spread the students from goal line to goal line in the first ten rows, they said. Then every student has an equal opportunity to get a good seat. The first students in line to get tickets, get the best ones.

The plan went into effect this year. It worked. No student has a legitimate complaint about the seat he had. For he had a chance to get it anytime from last June to the Thursday before the game. Thus a real problem was solved by cool-headed deliberation.

This year the Blue Band found itself assigned to the extreme end of the Franklin Field stands. More than half of the members, according to Donald Lambert, Blue Band president, were behind the goal lines. The seats were too low to see action on the field, he said.

Members came back to the College complaining of their location in the stands. Because of their service to the College—the routine put on at Penn represented over 2200 man hours of practice—they were entitled to better seats, they reasoned. The band appears to have a valid objection.

The Athletic Association can claim equally valid reasons for the seating assignment. The Blue Band requires approximately 100 seats. To take out a block of 100 seats on or near the 50-yard-line would raise the anguish of many others, perhaps equally deserving of good seats.

Football players receive complimentary tickets to the game which they can give away. That's certainly reasonable. The Board of Trustees, persons high in the administration, and many alumni and townspeople who have contributed immensely to the athletic program at the College also deserve good seats. This too is reasonable. Many alumni—and many people who never attended the College—have done more for Penn State than the majority of its students.

And the fans too deserve good seats. But how do all these people get seated on or near the 50-yard line? They don't. It is physically impossible for them all to get the best seats. So it becomes a matter of selection. And the person who didn't get selected comes out griping.

There seems to be no satisfactory solution to the problem. But one year ago there seemed to be no solution to the overall ticket distribution problem. The Athletic Advisory Board found one.

Perhaps if the board, the Athletic Association and representatives of the Blue Band were to meet they would be able to iron out the latest problem.

It certainly would be worth the effort. If nothing else, such a meeting would bring about a mutual understanding of the problems faced by all groups involved. And understanding a problem is the first step toward its solution.

—Mike Feinsilber

Safety Valve...

Customs Again

TO THE EDITOR: I came across the following statement while looking through a College book: "With respect to freshman customs . . . the fact is that the College has really outgrown these things . . . Most of these customs are sheer tomfoolery and are so recognized by the more responsible student element, which is more concerned with promoting the finer ideals and traditions of the institution."

Men, I agree. I'm no freshman.

—Debora Bewster

Gazette...

Deadline for GAZETTE items is 4 p.m. on the day preceding the day of publication.

Sunday, Oct. 11, 1953

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA, 6:30 p.m., all members in Atherton lounge.
HILLEL RADIO CASTING, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation.

Monday, Oct. 12, 1953

ICG, 7:30 p.m., Atherton N. E. lounge.
PENN STATE CLUB SMOKER, 7 p.m., Hamilton Rec. Room.

PHILOTES, 7:30 p.m., 438 McElwain.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Experienced backgammon player to teach game. Grad student to work lunch and dinner hours in Library.

Man to type menus in exchange for noon meal. Girl to do housework and baby sitting Oct. 24. Students interested in holiday sales work in Altoona area.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT SERVICE

The companies listed below will conduct interviews on campus. Schedule interviews now in 112 Old Main.

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. will interview January graduates in ME, IE, EE, and Physics on Oct. 16.

B. F. GOODRICH RESEARCH CENTER Oct. 13 will interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem. and Ch.E. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954, and MS candidates in Chem. and Ch.E. who have completed at least one semester.

TEXAS COMPANY will interview Ph.D. candidates in Ch.E., ME, and Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954; MS in Ch.E., ME, CE and Chem. who have completed at least one semester; and BS January graduates in the fields of Ch.E., CE, ME, and Chem. on Oct. 19.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA will interview January graduates in CE, EE, MR, Ch.E., Fuel Tech., Geology, Geophysics, Geochem, P.N.G., Chem. and Physics, on Oct. 19-20.

MALLINCKRODT CHEMICAL COMPANY will interview Ph.D. candidates in Ch.E., EE, ME, and Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954; MS candidates in Ch.E.,

EE, ME and Chem. who have completed at least one semester; and BS January graduates in Ch.E., EE, ME, and Chem. on Oct. 19-20.

RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA will interview January graduates in EE, ME, ChE, Physics and Ceramics Oct. 19-20.

PROCTOR AND GAMBLE CO. will interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem. and Ag. Bio-Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Oct. 21.

SOCONY-VACUUM OIL CO. will interview January graduates in the fields of CE, ME, Ch.E., Bus. Adm., and Liberal Arts on Oct. 21.

DU PONT will interview Ph.D. candidates in Ch.E., ME, Engineering Mechanics, Chem. and Physics expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Oct. 21-23.

THE BURROUGHS ADDING MACHINE CO. will interview January graduates in ME and EE on Oct. 22.

FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATION LABS. will interview Ph.D. candidates in EE and Physics expecting to receive their degrees in 1954. M.S. candidates in EE and Physics who have completed at least one semester, and January B.S. graduates in EE and Physics on Oct. 22.

DU PONT will interview M.S. candidates in Ch.E., ME, IE, Chem., and Physics who have completed at least one semester, and January B.S. graduates in Ch.E., ME, IE, Chem., and Physics on Oct. 22-23.

SHELL DEVELOPMENT CO. will interview Ph.D. candidates in Physics expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Oct. 22-23.

SYLVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS INC. will interview January graduates in Chem., Physics, Accounting, Business Management, Mathematics, Ceramics, Metallurgy, Ch.E., EE, IE, ME, on Oct. 23.

CHRYSLER CORP. will interview January graduates in Ch.E., EE, ME and Metallurgy on Oct. 23.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL LIST

Joseph Althouse, Robert Bishop, Donald Calby, Donald Cartwright, David Difabo, John Eppler, Lorin Gardner, Paul Gilpin, James Griffiths, James Hallock, Harold Dean, Virginia Juan, Joanne LeFevre, Charlotte Linck, Patricia McClurken, Thomas Meltzer, Donald Michelsen, Judith Mitchell, Dean Mullen, Harry Perrina, Nancy Phillips, Wesley Shook, William Soley, Ronald Wint and Mary Zubers.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"An' so th' travelin' salesman said to the farmer's daughter . . ."

WIRE AND WIRELESS

The Big Story

By BILL JOST

The Associated Press sends much information through its various bureaus, some of which ends up on State College wire and is printed on the teletypewriter in the Daily Collegian's Carnegie Hall office. We manage to use the more important news, most of it on page three—the wire page.

But there are humor items, sob stories, and the like, which are interesting, but not really big news. Many of them will end up in this column.

One from Reading concerns the great Reading Fair. Annually the fair holds a beauty contest to select a Miss Reading Fair of whatever-year-it-is. This year fair officials invited residents of Berks and surrounding counties to enter the contest, instead of just Berks as in former years. The motive was to have a higher fair attendance through greater interest and more publicity created by the enlarged contest.

Bigger publicity was received: READING, Pa. (AP)—A beauty queen must be young and pretty but not too young, officials of the Reading Fair decided today. So they disqualified the new queen.

Contest rules required a contestant to have reached the age of 16 before last Aug. 15, and the contest winner will not be that age until April 27.

The two runnersup will split the \$1350 prize money.

We're wondering whether or not the following trio still attends church.

NEWTON, N.C. (AP) — Three teen-aged boys who peppered a minister with spitballs as he preached a sermon were convicted today of disturbing public worship.

They were released on condition that they pay court costs and behave properly in church and other public places.

The minister swore out the warrant against the trio.

The AP is going all out on bop talk in its notes to editors. They generally use abbreviations in these notes. For example, when the AP does not have information about a certain event, they "unknown."

But they really went overboard in their note advising editors they could get news early for play-by-play of the World Series: "Members desiring to come on the day wire please notify your nearest bureau soonest."

No comment on the following item.

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP)—Martin Jock, veteran disc jockey, was fined \$29 for careless driving on the New Jersey Turnpike while enroute to Trenton to help the state set up a safe driving program.

A state trooper testified that Block was doing 70 miles an hour (limit is 60), passed another car on the right, and weaved in and out of traffic for nearly five miles before he was halted.

Block, who pleaded guilty, is a disc jockey with Station WNEW where he puts in many pleas for highway safety.

Occasionally the AP news becomes garbled and something like this comes over:

At a crowded press conference Thimayya sopfedaled the issue by saying: "U mink wencan auk the priumnerf tolliutec for 9 to 10 minutes."

We have also received lines like: bootms a b NP G4UITEI-AGREEOP(A)E, etc. It's confusing.

Student Newspaper Copies Confiscated At Maryland U.

Several hundred copies of the University of Maryland student newspaper were ordered destroyed recently because the dean of men did not approve of two pictures in the paper, the Associated Press reports.

Dean of Men Geary Eppley admitted he ordered confiscation of copies of the Sept. 25 issue of the Diamondback, university student newspaper. Earlier, Elin Lake, an editor of the paper, said several thousand copies were confiscated after faculty efforts to "suppress" two stories failed.

The dean said he objected to the items because they were "foolish, silly, and not worth newsprint." He said he ordered disposal so extra copies would not be seen by high school students scheduled to visit the campus the next day.

One picture, Eppley said, was of crowded quarters for 24 women students in a dormitory basement. The other showed an empty chair at a student council meeting.

Miss Lake said there were attempts to suppress a story concerning receipt of a traffic summons by Dean of Women Adele Stamp for "failing to stop in front of a school bus receiving or discharging students." Eppley said he "did not even consider the story" about Dean Stamp.